Human rights team to investigate activities of Salva-Judum

†561. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court had sent any Human Rights team to Investigate into the activities of Salva-Judum in Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether report has been received;

(c) whether it is a fact that the support to said movement provided by the State Government has been justified in the report; and

(d) whether the movement is being termed as spontaneous public movement against naxalite violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Supreme Court of India, after hearing both sides in a Writ petition, observed that there were allegations of violation of human rights both by the naxalites and Salwa Judum. Therefore, the Court directed the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to examine/verify these allegations and make a report. The NHRC has presented its report to the apex Court on 25.08.2008. As such, the matter is subjudice before the Supreme Court of India.

District Disaster Management Authority in Assam

562. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the District Disaster Management Authorities in Assam has not yet been established;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of status of the Disaster Management Centre in Guwahati, Assam to facilitate effective steps towards disaster as well as activities being taken up for community mobilization;

(d) the year-wise details of steps taken by the National Institute of Disaster Management in Assam; and

(e) the list of multi-hazard prone districts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI): (a) and (b) The requisite information is awaited from Govt. of Assam. The same will be laid on the table of the House soon after the same is received.

(c) The Disaster Management Centre in Guwahati, Assam is being operated at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati for which financial assistance is provided by Central Government, under a non-plan scheme. The Centre acts as a focal point for imparting training in the field of Disaster Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, Relief, Rehabilitation, etc. and undertakes research studies, documentation development of data base. The information about the details of activities relating to community mobilization being taken up by the Disaster Management Centre in Guwahati is awaited from the Government of Assam and will be laid on the Table of House on receipt.